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COMMENTS ON SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW

Dear Sir:

Applicants thank the Examiner for a telephone interview on June 7, 2005. Concerning the comments in the interview summary mailed June 13, 2005, Applicants respectfully submit that Applicants' representative did not agree that claim 17 is obvious in light of Fig. 1 in the present application. Rather, Applicants' representative argued that the prior art of Fig. 1 does not teach or suggest the claimed "at least one state and shader cache." However, during the course of the interview, various clarifying amendments to claim 17 were suggested and discussed in order to further define the state and shader cache over the Examiner's broad interpretation of what is disclosed in Fig. 1. Nonetheless, Applicants' representative did not agree that this

interpretation was correct. Notwithstanding, claims 17-20 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer in order to advance prosecution and issuance of the allowed subject matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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